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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION.

Appointing the Distribution of Prizes taken, and the Bounty for Taking Ships of War and Privateers of the Enemies.

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WHereas by an Act made and passed the last Sessions of Our last Parliament, Intituled [An Act for the better Securing the Trade of this Kingdom by Cruizers and Convoys] *It is Enacted, for the better and more effectual Encouragement of the Sea-Service, That from and after the Six and twentieth Day of* March, *One thousand seven hundred and eight, if any Ship or Ships of War, Privateer, Merchant Ship, or other Vessel, shall be taken as Prize by any of Our Ships of War, or by Privateers, and Adjudged as Lawful Prize in any of Our Courts of Admiralty, the Flag-Officer or Officers, Commander or Commanders, and other Officers, Seamen, and others, who shall be actually on Board such Ship or Ships of War or Privateers, which shall so take such Prize or Prizes, shall after such Condemnation, have the sole Interest and Property in such Prize or Prizes, so taken and adjudg'd, to their own use, without further Account to be given for the same, such Prizes to be sold by such Person or Persons as shall be Authoriz'd and Appointed so to do by the Commander or Commanders, and other Officers of such Ship or Ships as shall take such Ship or Ships, or the major part of them, under their Hands and Seals, and the whole Produce thereof to be Divided or Distributed among the said Officers, Seamen and others, according to their respective Shares, in Manner, Form and Proportion as by Our most Gracious Proclamation, to be Issued for that purpose, should be Directed and Appointed. And whereas for the further Encouragement of such Officers, Seamen, and others, who shall actually serve on Board any such of Our Ships or Privateers as shall take any Ship or Ships of War, Privateer or Privateers of the Enemies, It is further Enacted by the said Act, That over and above the aforementioned Encouragement, there shall be paid by the Treasurer of Our Navy, upon Bills to be made forth by the Commissioners of Our Navy, to be paid according to the Course thereof, without Fee or Reward, unto the Officers, Seamen and others, that shall have been actually on Board such of Our Ship or Ships of War or Privateer or Privateers, in such Action where such Ship of War or Privateer shall have been so taken from the Enemy, Five Pounds for every Man who was Living on Board such Ship or Ships so taken, at the beginning of the Engagement between them, the Number of such Men to be proved by the Oaths of Three or more of the Chief Officers or Men which were belonging to the said Ship of War or Privateer of the Enemies, at the time of her being so taken as Prize, before the Mayor, or other Chief Magistrate of the Port whereunto such Prize shall be brought; Which Unto the said Mayor, or other Chief Magistrate of every such Port, is hereby also Impowered and Required to administer, and shall for which Grant a Certificate thereof, without Fee or Reward, Directed to the Commissioners of Our Navy, upon producing which Certificate to the Commissioners of Our Navy, together with an Authentick Copy of the Condemnation by Our High Court of Admiralty, the said Commissioners of Our Navy, or such Person or Persons as they shall appoint for that purpose, shall according to the Course of the Navy, within Fifteen Days, make out Bills for the Amount of such Bounty, Directed to the Treasurer of Our Navy, Payable to and Divided amongst the Officers, Seamen and others, in Manner, Form and Proportion, as by Our Proclamation to be Issued out for that purpose, should be Directed and Appointed. And whereas by another Act made the same Sessions of Parliament, Intituled [An Act for the Encouragement of the Trade to America] It is to the Effect Enacted, That the Flag-Officers, Commanders, and other Officers and Seamen of every Ship or Vessel of War, which now are or shall be in Our Service and Pay, shall have the sole Property and Interest of, and in all and every Ship, Vessel, Goods and Merchandizes they shall take in any Port of America, being first adjudged Lawful Prize in any of her Majesty's Courts of Admiralty, to be Divided in such Proportions, and after such Manner, as We Our Heirs and Successors shall think fit to Order and Direct: We have taken the Premisses into Consideration, and do, pursuant to the said Act of Parliament, (with Advice of Our Privy Council) by this Our Royal Proclamation, Order, Direct and Appoint, That the said Proceed of all Prizes and Bounty Money for Prisoners taken, be divided into Eight equal Parts, whereof the Captain or Commander of any of Our Ships of War, who shall be actually on Board at the Taking of any Prize, shall be allowed three Eighth Parts: But in case any Prize shall be taken by any Ship or Ships of War under the Command of a Flag or Flags, the Flag-Officer or Officers being actually on Board, or directing and assisting in the Capture, to have one Eighth Part of the said three Eighths; To the Marine-Captains, Sea-Lieutenants and Master, shall be allowed one Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them; The Marine-Lieutenants, Boatswain, Gunner, Purser, Carpenter, Master's Mate, Chirurgeons and Chaplain, one Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them; The Midshipmen, Carpenters Mates, Boatswains Mates, Gunners Mates, Corporals, Yeomen of the Sheets, Coxswain, Quarter-Master, Quarter-Masters Mates, Chirurgeons Mates, Yeoman of the Powder-Room, and Serjeants of Marines, one Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them; The Trumpeters, Quarter-Gunners, Carpenters Crew, Steward, Cook, Armorer, Stewards Mate, Cooks Mate, Gunsmith, Cooper, Swabber, ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, able Seamen, ordinary Seamen, Volunteers by Letter, and Marine-Soldiers two Eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongst them. And in case any Sea-Captain, Inferior Commission or Warrant Sea-Officers belonging to any Ship of War, for whom any Shares of Prizes are hereby allowed, be absent, and not on Board at the time of the Capture of any Prize, the Share of such Sea-Captain, Inferior Commission or Warrant Sea Officer, shall be cast into the Shares hereby allowed to the Trumpeters, Quarter-Gunners, Carpenters Crew, Steward, Cook, Armorer, Stewards Mate, Cooks Mate, Gunsmith, Cooper, Swabber, ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, able Seamen, ordinary Seamen, Volunteers by Letter, and Marine Soldiers, to be equally divided amongst them. And We do hereby strictly enjoin all and every Commander and Commanders of Our Ships of War taking any Prizes, as soon as may be, to transmit, or cause to be transmitted to Our Commissioners of Our Navy, a true List of the Names of all the Officers, Seamen, and others, who were actually on Board Our Ships of War, under his or their Command, at the taking such Prize; which List shall contain the Number of each Person's Shares therein upon the Ships Book, and the Quality of his Service, and the same shall be subscribed by the Captain or Commanding Officer, and Three or more of the Chief Officers on Board. And We do hereby require and direct Our Commissioners of Our Navy, or any three or more of them, after Condemnation of such Prize, to Examine, or cause to be Examined such List by the Muster-Book of such Our Ships of War, to see that such List does agree with the said Muster-Book as to the Names, Quantities or Ratings of the Officers, Seamen, and others belonging to such Ship of War; and upon Request forthwith to grant a Certificate of the Truth of any List transmitted to them, to the Agents nominated and appointed by the Captors, pursuant to the said first-mentioned Act, to take care or dispose of such Prize; and also upon Application to them to give, or cause to be given unto the Agents, who shall at any time or times be appointed, as aforesaid, by the Captors of any Prizes taken by any of Our Ships of War, all such Lists from the Muster-Book of any of Our Ships of War, as the said Agents shall find requisite for their Direction in Paying the Produce of such Prizes, or the Bounty, in case any Bounty shall be due for taking the same, and to be otherwise aiding and assisting to the said Agents as shall be necessary. And in regard Privateers are set forth, and Mann'd at the Charges of the particular Owners thereof, who make Agreements with their Seamen what Shares and Proportion each Man on Board such Privateer shall have of any Prize which shall be taken, and it will not be reasonable, That any Seamen or Person on Board such Privateer or Privateers, should be Entituled to any thing otherwise than according to the particular Agreements he shall have signed to such Owner or Owners: We do hereby Ratifie and Confirm all and every such Contracts and Agreements, which shall be enter'd into upon the granting forth any such Privateer or Letters of Marque Ship: And do hereby Declare, That every Article and Thing whatsoever which shall be contain'd in such Contracts, Stipulations and Agreements, shall be as Firm, Valid and Effectual in Law, as if they had been set forth and mentioned in this Our Royal Proclamation. And whereas by the said Act, It is further Enacted, That after the Sale or Sales of such Prize or Prizes as shall be taken from the Enemy, Publick Notification shall be given by the Persons or Agents appointed, of the Day appointed for the Payment of the several Shares to the Captors, after which Publick Notification, if any Mens Shares shall remain in the Hands of the Persons or Agents appointed, as aforesaid, either belonging to such Men as shall Dye or Run from the Service, or such as shall not be legally demanded within three Years, then such Share or Shares so remaining in such Persons or Agents Hands, shall go to and be paid to the Use of Greenwich Hospital. To the End that all Persons who are or shall be Entituled to any such Share or Shares, shall have due Notice of the Time of Payment thereof, so as to make their Claims thereunto in due Time, Our Royal Will and Pleasure is, That the Persons or Agents which shall be appointed to make such Sales, shall give Notice of the Day and Place which shall be by them appointed for Payment of the several Shares to the Captors in the* London Gazette. *And to the End that the Governors of* Greenwich *Hospital may know who are the Persons or Agents employed to Receive and Pay the several Shares of such Persons as were on Board the Ship or Ships, who shall take any Prize, so as to Demand the Share of such of the Captors who shall Dye or Run from the Service, or shall not legally make their Demand within Three Years, Our Royal Will and Pleasure is, That a true List of the Names of such Persons as shall be so appointed Agents for the Purposes aforesaid, shall be forthwith certified to the Governor or Deputy-Governor for the time being, of the said Hospital, by Our High Court of Admiralty, who upon Delivery of any Prize-Ship or Vessel, is hereby Required to take an Account of the Names of such Persons as are or shall be appointed Agents by the Captors.*

Given at Our Court at *Kensington* the Twentieth Day of *May*, in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

God save the QUEEN.

Turin, May 19. *N. S.* The second Battalion of General Schulenberg march'd from this Place on the 12th Instant, in order to go to the Valley of Aost, where it is to serve this Campaign. Signior Tiepolo, the late Ambassador of the Republick of Venice to France, is arriv'd here from Paris, on his return home, and has had the Honour to wait upon his Royal Highness, and afterwards upon the Dutchesses Consort and Dowager. On the 19th the Prince of Wirtemberg left this Place, to go and visit some of the Imperial Troops which are canton'd at Rivoli, and the parts adjacent. Major-General Stanhope having receiv'd an Express from Genoa, that her Majesty's Ship, the Milford and Fowey were come in there, set out from hence on the 16th for Savona, where they are order'd to take him on Board, and Sail to Barcelona. By our last Letters from thence we hear, that Count Noy-

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